THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BHAJAN LAL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Target for production of foodgrains

*375. SHRI P. N. SUKUL : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) what is the target for the production of foodgrains for the current financial year;

(b) whether Government propose to increase the target of foodgrains production keeping in view the fact that the country has received good rains during this monsoon;

(c) if so, the revised target; and

(d) whether any quota of foodgrains will be set apart for exports during this year?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BHAJAN LAL): (a) The official target for production of foodgrains during 1989-90 is 175 million tonnes.

(b) and (c) A proposal for revision of target is under consideration.

(d) Non-basmati rice within a ceiling of one lakh tonne will be allowed for export during the current year. The ceilings for export of coarse cereals agreed to for 1989-90 are:—

(i) Bajra	15,000	Mts
(ii) Jowar	15,000	Mts
(iii) Ragi	15,000	Mts
(iv) Barley	25,000	Mts

Allotment of plots under the Rohini Scheme

*376. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of persons registered with the DDA under the "ROHINI" Scheme have not been allotted plots as on the 31st July, 1989;

(b) if so, what is the total number of persons who have not been allotted plots even after a period of 8 years; and

(c) whether the DDA had recently conducted draw of lots for the persons who have not been allotted any plots so far and if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI): (a) and (b) 50,560 registrants out of a total of 81,292 are still awaiting allotment of plots.

(c) 4704 plots have become available in 1989. These will be allotted to persons in accordance with the standing priority list already drawn with the help of computer. Out of these, 900 plots will be allotted to the registrants in the EWS/Janta category, 1740 belonging to the LIG category and 2064 belonging to the MIG category.

Setting up of Nitrogenous fertiliser plant

*377. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have constituted an Expert Group to find out suitable sites for the establishment of New Nitrogenous Fertilizer Plant in the country;

(b) if so, whether any report has been submitted to this effect;

(c) if not, what are the reasons for the delay in this regard; and

(d) what is the requirement of Nitrogenous fertilizers and the quantity produced in the country per annum?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BHAJAN LAL): (a) Yes, Sir, a Study Group was constituted to suggest the number, size, location and feedstock of new nitrogenous fertilizer plants to be set up in the country during the VIII Plan.

(b) Yes, Sir, the report of the Study Group was received in May, 1987.

(c) In view of the reply to (b) above, question does not arise.

(d) The assessed demand for nitrogenous fertilizer for the year 1989-90 is 77 lakh tonnes in terms of nutrients whereas the likely production of nitrogen in the country is estimated to be 70 lakh tonnes.

Availability of aluminium phosphate in open market

*378. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Aluminium phosphate a fumigant pesticide is licensed to be produced only by public storage agencies under the Insecticides Act, 1968 and Insecticides Rules, 1971;

(b) whether Government are aware of its free availablity in the open market in violation of the Act and Rules; and

(c) if so, what action has been taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BHAJAN LAL): (a) No, Sir. No such pesticide is registered for use or manufacture in the country or import.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Contribution of agriculture in national growth and employment

*379. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: SHRI YASHWANT SINHA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the agricultural sector contributes only 33% to the national growth while out of the total employment, 75% is in agricultural sector;

(b) what steps are being taken to improve productivity and the total share of agriculture in the national growth; and

(c) what steps are being taken to channelise agricultural employment into allied fields in the rural sector?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BHAJAN LAL): (a) The share of agriculture to the net domestic product at current prices is provisionally placed at 29.3% for 1987-88. According to the 1981 Census, 66.5% of the main workers in the country are engaged in agriculture.

(b) Special Thrust Programmes like Special Foodgrains Production Programme, Special Rice Production Programme in the Eastern States, National Oilseeds Development Project, Oilseeds Production Thrust Project, National Pulses Development Programme, etc. and other schemes are being implemented to improve the productivity of cereals, pulses, oilseeds and other crops. These Programme will contribute towards growth in the income from the agricultural sector

(c) Promotion of rural employment in the agriculture and allied sectors through diversification is being encouraged through the Rural Development Programmes.